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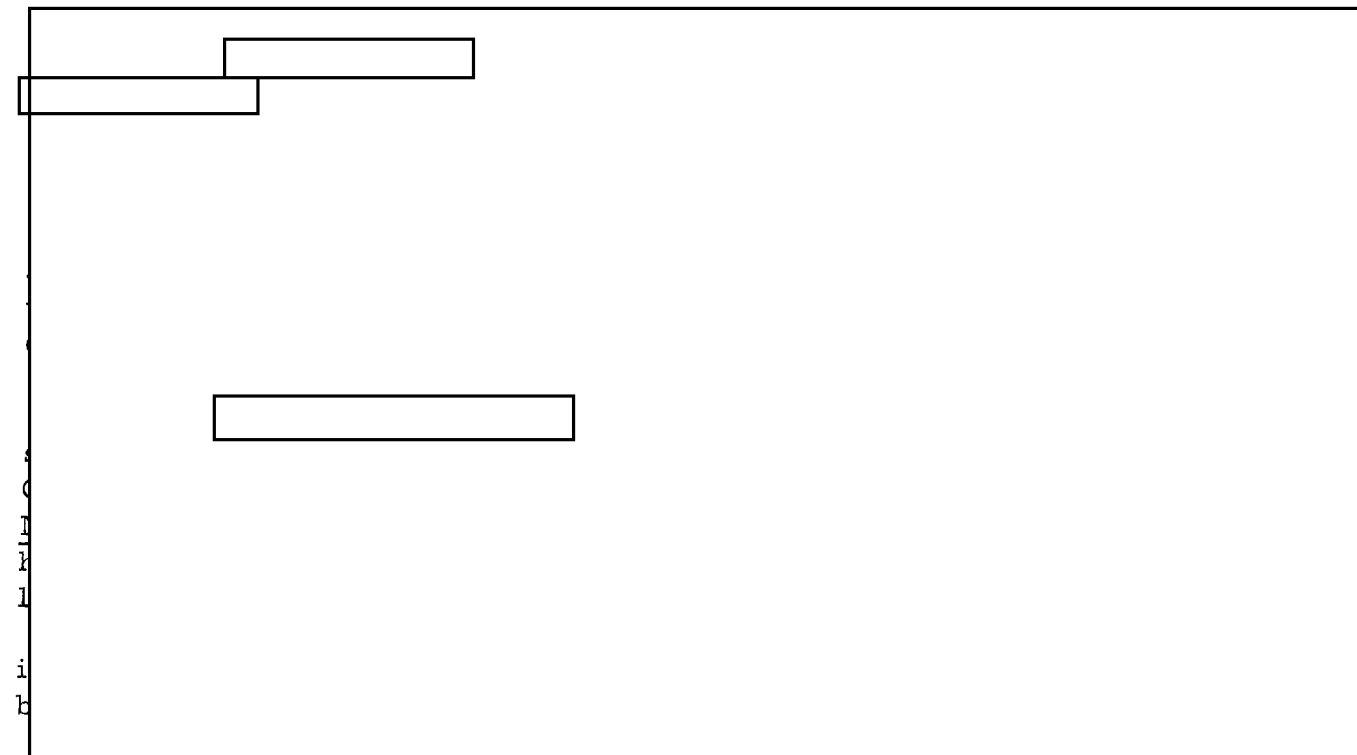
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15. [redacted] Met with William Spell, Staff Assistant to Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.), and left with him unclassified basic material on the Middle East countries as an outgrowth of our briefing of Spell a short time ago. Spell was most grateful for this material and said it would be extremely useful to him in working for the Senator in this area.

Talked with Spell, at some length, about our problem with the Ervin bill (S. 782). Spell recalled the problem from last year and was sympathetic to our situation. In this connection, he thought it might be useful for us to allude to the problem which selective service offices are having as a result of a provision in the Selective Service Act which permits a draft registrant to examine his selective service file. Spell pointed out that dissident groups are creating a real problem by utilizing this provision in the law to harass selective service offices and have practically brought the work of these offices to a standstill in the state of California. Spell agreed that Senator McClellan (D., Ark.) might be very helpful to us in solving our problems with this legislation.

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25X1 16. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and left with him copies of our package on S. 782. Braswell felt that in our presentations on this bill we should stress the unique Agency situation and the fact that the use of things such as psychology testing and the polygraph are conditions of employment which most applicants appreciate and readily agree to. In this connection, he pointed out the ingrained opposition which Senator Ervin (a former judge) has both to the polygraph and to undue emphasis on security. Braswell said that Ervin also tends to dislike the approach of what he might consider to be over zealous anti-communists, [] 25X1

In discussing the Ervin bill, Braswell asked if we had determined just what the Administration position would be on this legislation. I told him we had discussed the matter with Ken BeLieu, who felt he could be of little help to us at this point in time. I told him that we were also contacting the Civil Service Commission in this regard. Braswell thought this was a good idea since an Administration position will have to be reached on this legislation eventually. I also told him that the Director was planning to write Senator Ervin a letter asking for an opportunity to be heard on this bill in executive session. Braswell thought this was highly desirable. 25X1

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